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SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR MEDIATION OF ZAIRE-ANGOLA DISPUTE

REF: (A) STATE 069145, (B) RABAT 1628, (C) KINSHASA 2810

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON MFA AFRICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR BISBIS MARCH 29 AS A FOLLOW-UP TO OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH MFA SECRETARY GENERAL IRAQUI AND HIM ON MARCH 25 (REF B).
2. BISBIS, WHO CLAIMED TO BE STILL UNINFORMED AS TO SPECIFICS OF PALACE'S UNDERTAKINGS WITH ZAIRE'S FONMIN, EXPRESSED APPRECIATION. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, HE BELIEVED THAT MOROCCO WAS "100 PERCENT" BEHIND ZAIRE. HE WOULD NOT EVEN EXCLUDE THE SENDING OF MOROCCAN TROOPS, DESPITE MOROCCO'S OWN SECURITY PROBLEMS. HE RECALLED THAT MOROCCO HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN THE CONGO AND HAD SENT TROOPS TO THE ME DURING THE 1973 WAR. "FIVE HUNDRED OR A THOUSAND" TROOPS WOULD NOT MATTER ONE WAY OR THE OTHER IN THE SAHARA, HE REMARKED.

3. COMMENT: MOROCCO REPORTEDLY DECLINED TO SEND TROOPS TO LEBANON LAST YEAR, CITING ITS OWN SECURITY CONCERNS IN THE SAHARA. WE WOULD NOT, HOWEVER, ENTIRELY RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A TOKEN FORCE FOR ZAIRE, PARTICULARLY GIVEN
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KING HASSAN'S APPARENT WILLINGNESS INCREASINGLY TO OPPOSE ACTIVELY WHAT HE SEES AS THE SOVIET-SUPPORTED RADICALIZATION OF MUCH OF AFRICA. WE THUS SHARE EMBASSY KINSHASA'S DESIRE (REF C) FOR DEPARTMENT'S VIEW ON POSSIBILITY OF MOROCCAN OR EGYPTIAN TROOPS.
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